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Dear Community Members,

I would like to take a moment and update the community on the status of the officers that were involved in the 2020 Halloween incident. The three officers involved in this incident are no longer employed by the Forest Grove Police Department.

I want to thank all of our community members for their patience as the City and Police Department waded through this process.

I want to assure you that the Forest Grove Police Department is continuing taking proactive steps in developing and maintaining your trust. Our work continues with the Community Policing Advisory Commission (CPAC) to re-imagine what policing in Forest Grove will look like.

We are committed to the 21st Century Policing model set forth by President Obama which calls on department leaders to reform police use of force policies by engaging diverse communities and seeking feedback. We are constantly evaluating our practices and policies and identifying where we can improve.

I believe that our efforts this past year will be reflected in our annual report. As an example, our use of force incidents have dropped by 29% during this past year.

I charge your officers with being ambassadors and guardians of your community. That means we are a human resource for all community members. We strive to serve everyone with fairness and respect, no matter what you look like, where you come from or your life experience.

I am personally committed in continuing open and honest discussions about policing and racial/social justice issues with an emphasis on active listening. I invite community members to reach out to me. As the Police Chief, I need to hear your voice. Your voice provides checks and balance to my world view.

It is my duty to ensure our policing meets the needs of our community and is equitable for all who live, work and play in Forest Grove.

In your service,

Henry Reimann
Police Chief
Forest Grove Police Department